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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: AGAO PFOR  
SUBJ: GAO INVESTIGATION OF MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT

REF: A. STATE 234234 B. BANGKOK 20665

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, I WAS INTERVIEWED BY GAO REPRESENTATIVES DUMONT AND HARTER RE MAYAGUEZ. THEY REQUESTED DETAILED CHONOLOGY OF MY INVOLVEMENT. I LIMITED MYSELF TO THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

A. I WAS NOTIFIED OF THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT AT APPROXIMATELY 0630 HOURS ON THE DATE OF THE INCIDENT BY THE OPERATIONS CENTER.

B. I ATTEMPTED TO CALL MY NORMAL CONTACTS IN THE PENTAGON BUT FAILED AT THAT TIME.

C. AT APPROXIMATELY 0730, I BRIEFED MR. ROBERT MILLER. EITHER HE OR I, OR BOTH OF US, THEN BRIEFED MR. HABIB.

D. I AGAIN TRIED THE PENTAGON AND THIS TIME WAS SUCCESSFUL. I WAS INFORMED THAT A USAF AIRCRAFT  
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HAD ALREADY BEEN LAUNCHED FROM THAILAND TO RE-

CONNOITER THE AREA OF THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT.

E. I STATED THAT FROM THIS POINT ON I HAD LARGELY BEEN AN INFORMED SPECTATOR WITHOUT, HOWEVER, PLAYING AN ACTION ROLE. THE LATTER HAD BEEN HANDLED AT A HIGHER LEVEL, INCLUDING THE NSC, THE WHITE HOUSE, ETC.

F. AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION OF THE MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT, MY OFFICE CONTRIBUTED TO A DETAILED REPORT OF THE INCIDENT AT THE REQUEST OF THE CONGRESS. IN THIS WOULD BE ANY FURTHER DETAILS WHICH I MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN.

2. MR. DUMONT REQUESTED A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL CRITIC MESSAGE. I REPLIED THAT ACCORDING TO MY INSTRUCTIONS, I COULD NOT GIVE THEM SUCH A COPY FROM OUR FILES BUT WAS ABLE TO ASSURE THEM THAT THE MESSAGE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON, WHERE IT HAD PROBABLY ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS.

3. MR. DUMONT THEN ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE A COPY OF MY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MY TALK WITH HIM. I STATED THAT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE.

4. AN INTERVIEW WITH JOHN NEAL OF DELTA EXPLORATION COMPANY WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ARRANGE SINCE HE HAS RETURNED TO THE US. HIS FORWARDING ADDRESS IN HOUSTON, TEXAS WAS GIVEN TO MR. DUMONT.

5. GAO AUDITORS THEN MET WITH LT. COMDR. WALTER MARCINIAK, ASSISTANT NAVATT, WHO PREPARED ORIGINAL CRITIC AND ALSO WITH T/SGT CHESTER CROSBY OF DAO, WHO RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM NEAL. MARCINIAK REPORTS THAT HE, TOO, WAS ASKED FOR AND GAVE DETAILS OF HIS ACTION RE INCIDENT. HE ALSO GAVE DATE/TIME GROUP OF ORIGINAL CRITIC MESSAGE PLUS SEVERAL FOLLOW ON MESSAGES SAME SUBJECT. HE DID NOT GIVE AUDITORS COPIES OF MESSAGES. CROSBY STATES HE OFFERED FACTUAL ACCOUNT HIS RECEIPT OF ORIGINAL CALL AND HIS TRANSMITTAL OF SAME TO COLONEL HAMMERQUIST, THE THEN DATT, WHO CONFIDENTIAL

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IN TURN INFORMED MARCINIAK.

6. AUDITORS GIVEN RETIREMENT ADDRESS OF COLONEL HAMMERQUIST IN WASHINGTON D.C.

7 GAO AUDITORS WERE FRIENDLY AND EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE MERELY CARRYING OUT INSTRUCTIONS WITHOUT KNOWING THE REASONS THEREFORE. ONLY AWKWARD MOMENT AROSE AT MY

REFUSAL TO ALLOW THEM TO HAVE A COPY OF THE CRITIC MESSAGE AND YOUR INSTRUCTIONS TO ME.  
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